Authority do implement suggestions for improvement of the airports;

(b) what are the names of the bodies responsible for advising the International Airports Authority of India and the National Airports Authority to do their job;

(c) whether it is a fact that no visible improvement has been recorded over the last two years in the functioning of both these organisations in the area of passenger amenities;

(d) whether a large number of officials from both these organisations frequently visit abroad for training and study tours; and

(e) to what extent they implement their required knowledge in our air - port management for improvement of air services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Being statutory authorities, IAAI and NAA are fully responsible for efficient discharge of their functions. The performance of these Authorities are, however, monitored by Government from time to time.

(b) IAAI have an Advisory Committee consisting of non-officials to advise them on facilitation, maintenance and other services to be provided at International Airports. The standard of service provided by NAA is reviewed by committees consisting of user agencies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Officers are deputed for foreign training only if the training helps to improve their professional acumen in airport operations/management.

Supervision on IAAI and NAA

2234. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for having a better supervision on International Airports Authority of India and National Airports Authority;

(b) what steps are being taken to induct non-officials to supervise better the functioning of these organisations through advisor bodies; and

(c) what steps are being taken to tone up the International Airports Authority of India and National Airports Authority to improve the functioning of our airports, which lag behind in passenger amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Being statutory organisations, IAAI and NAA are fully responsible for efficient discharge of their functions. The performance of these organisations are, however, monitored by Government from time to time. IAAI have an Advisory Committee consisting of non-officials to advise them on facilitation, maintenance and other services at International Airports.

(c) The upgradation of facilities at airports is an ongoing process. Appropriate schemes for improvement of facilities are formulated and executed from time to time depending on availability of resources.

Employees in the Railways

2235. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

What is the total number of staff employed by Northern Railway, Western Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway, Southern Railway, South Eastern Railway, North Eastern Railway, North East Frontier Railway and Eastern Railway, in 1974 and 1987 indicating, separately the number of officers and the other classified as regular and casual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): A statement is attached.

Statement

Railways	1974			1987		
	Officers (As on 31st March)	Other regular Staff	Casual Labour (Approx)	Officers (As on 31st March)	Other regular Staff	Casual Labour (As on 31st January)
Central	965	185,779	45,000	1,370	213,723	36,221
Eastern	1,015	204,998	37,000	1,366	225,976	20,168
Northern	1,082	204,637	46,000	1,568	229,948	46,811
North-Eastern	561	94,690	20,000	750	108,346	14,529
Northeast Frontier	485	83,035	4,000	706	83,454	8,326
Southern	846	133,955	37,000	1,157	141,045	20,165
South Central	637	103,291	18,000	1,036	128,905	21,707
South Eastern	1,050	185,460	33,000	1,525	204,487	13,957
Western	1,048	188,507	30,500	1,325	207,806	21,597

Management Decision for Extension of Retirement Age for AIR Hostesses

2236. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India Cabin Crew Association had held discussions with the management on the question of extension of retirement age for air hostesses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any conclusions has been arrived at during the discussions; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Some demands have been made by the Air India Cabin Crew Association, one of which relates to extension in the age of retirement for air hostesses.

(c) and (d) The management of Air India has constituted a committee consisting of the representatives of the management and the association to study and discuss the issues and to make recommendations.

House building loans in Air India and Indian Airlines

2237. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for house building loans in Air India and Indian Airlines for Air Hostesses and flight pursuers;

(b) what are the reasons for the differentiation, if any;